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I. Introduction

The Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK) has been promoted by the Government of West Bengal as an autonomous centre of excellence in social sciences. It was founded in 2002 as a society with an autonomous governing body with one of the most eminent historians in India, Professor Irfan Habib as President, Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi as Director and with a Governing Council on which are represented the Vice-Chancellors of two leading Universities in West Bengal, namely Calcutta University and Jadavpur University. The Governing Council also includes such eminent academics as Professor Nirmal Chandra, Professor Suranjan Das, Professor V.K. Ramachandran and Professor Malini Bhattacharya as its members.

The IDSK is devoted to advanced academic research and informed policy advice in the areas of literacy, education, health, gender issues, employment, technology, communication, human sciences and economic development. Other programmes include training of research scholars in the social sciences working towards a Ph.D. The Institute is committed to the dissemination of its research findings through workshops, seminars, publications in the media, and other public counselling and education programmes. The most important new development in the area of teaching programmes has been the launching of a multidisciplinary M.Phil programme on Development Studies, in collaboration with the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Calcutta. The course is expected to commence in 2006.

Although the IDSK has been in existence for three years now, during the first year, the Director and the Research Coordinator were the only academic faculty on its rolls. The other members of faculty joined between the end of 2003 and the latter half of 2004 and 2005. During the three years of its existence, it has made its mark in the world of research in social sciences and humanities in West Bengal and Eastern India. It has actively collaborated with the departments of history, economics, political science, philosophy, business management, the Science College, and the Centre for Urban Economic Studies and Women's Studies Centre, and most frequently with the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities of Calcutta

University. It has engaged in a long-term programme on 'Women and media' with the School of Women's Studies of Jadavpur University and the corresponding women's studies centres of Gauhati University, Utkal University and Lucknow University. It receives important logistic support from the Netaji Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata.

During 2005-06, the IDSK has carried out field survey-based research programmes on polio eradication communication campaign in West Bengal in collaboration with UNICEF. It has also conducted an assessment study of in-service training programmes under the West Bengal District Primary Education Programme (WBDPEP) in five purposively selected districts of West Bengal. It has taken up a project on monitoring school level history textbooks of West Bengal, sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. A major project on the collection of documents on the economic history of British Rule in India 1858-1947, sponsored by the Indian Council of Historical Research is being coordinated by the IDSK. It is hoped that a monograph containing the findings of the earlier research programme on literacy and primary education in West Bengal can be presented for publication and the programme on health and nutrition in West Bengal and tea gardens in Assam is also expected to lead to the publication of a volume. A monograph by Sumanta Banerjee, the outcome of a project of study of crime and urbanization in nineteenth-century Calcutta sponsored by the IDSK, has been accepted for publication by Tulika, New Delhi.

The Institute has also organized a number of training and research programmes, generally in collaboration with other academic institutions, the details of which have been given in the body of the report.

II. Research Programmes

A. Summer internship programme in collaboration with UNICEF

The IDSK supervised a group of four interns representing Canada, Taiwan and India who were engaged in a research-based documentation of 'Polio eradication communication

campaign in West Bengal' over a period of eight weeks starting from 30 May 2005. This was a part of the 'Knowledge Community on Children in India (KCCI), partnership initiative between Government of India and UNICEF.

The interns, trained in environmental engineering, law, social work, social planning and print media journalism, received basic inputs / orientation from the Faculty at the IDSK and various institutions / professionals involved in programme planning and implementation. Interns collectively chose to research the dynamics of 'resistance' in the context of polio eradication communication campaign in West Bengal. The illustrative case study of 'Baro Kamaria' village -officially perceived as a pocket of 'resistance' in the programme -threw up certain new insights into factors associated with 'resistance' and their implications for policy and planning in polio communication. Major findings of the study were printed as a report and a short documentary film 'Fold, hide, catch: In search of resistance' was screened in workshops organized in Kolkata and Delhi.

B. An assessment of in-service training programmes under DPEP in five West Bengal

This study, sponsored by the State Project Office of the West Bengal District Primary Education Programme (WBDPEP) was completed in November 2005. It has examined the impact of the short duration in-service training programmes for teachers on primary education in the five districts of West Bengal, namely, Bankura, Birbhum, Coochbehar, Murshidabad and South 24 Parganas, where the DPEP was launched in 1997-98. The study focused on learning achievements by students as an outcome indicator. It also brought out the pattern of distribution of learning achievement across groups of students belonging to different socio-economic categories and related it to the input side, especially teachers' training programmes. It was found that, although by and large the training programmes have been successful in sensitizing the teachers about the need for learning modern pedagogical tools, they have not been as effective in orienting them towards the need for closing inter-group disparities and weakening the close association between the student's innate social characteristics and her learning achievement. The IDSK team that carried out the study

consisted of Professor Achin Chakraborty, Barnita Bagchi, Bidhan Kanti Das, Dhiraj Bandopadhyay and Sugeeta Upadhyay.

C. The programme on 'Women and media in the context of globalisation' funded by the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung

In 2004, the IDSK received funding from the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS) of Berlin, and launched a project on 'Women and media in the context of globalisation'. Professor Malini Bhattacharya agreed to serve as Senior Coordinator for the project and Dr. Subhoranjan Dasgupta became Project Manager for it. Three research assistants, Arpita Guha Thakurta, Gargi Sen, and Ranjana Dasgupta have been working under their direction.

The Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, as the nodal agency, and its four partners: School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, Institute of Women's studies, Lucknow University, School of Women's Studies, Utkal University and Women's Studies Research Centre, Guwahati engaged in the project devoted to research and advocacy have made substantial progress in 2005. Research work and dissemination continued hand-in-hand. Moreover, seminars and workshops were held to acquaint scholars and activists with the findings of the project. What needs to be particularly mentioned is the publication of the first working paper (Changing Representation of Women in Media: What Viewer's Think), which analyses in detail the survey conducted in North Bengal among students and teachers. The IDSK also prepared an audio-visual primer titled 'Gender Representation in the Era of Globalisation: An Audio-Visual Primer'. This will help students and researchers engaged in the job of evaluating television programmes.

The documentation work, which involves examination of newspapers, magazines and television/radio programmes, has been completed. In the process, a rich archive has been built which can be profitably used in the future by researchers and media persons. As the project is not limited only to the evaluation of the mainstream media, researchers have also interacted with village bards and artistes (*kabiyals* and *patuas*) who in their poems and paintings have recorded their response to the impact of globalisation.

Both the IDSK and its partners have conducted extensive interviews with media persons to assess their reactions. This task is a part of the social survey programme. Considerable progress has been attained in the sphere as well. Several social segments ranging from sex-workers to housewives, industrial workers to corporate executives have been interviewed on the subject.

Finally, IDSK organized a comprehensive Media Literacy Course, which was attended by young journalists and senior students of media studies and humanities. Some of the participants have been selected to conduct the ongoing surveys.

D. The project on 'Monitoring of school level history textbooks'

The IDSK has undertaken a project on 'Monitoring of school level history textbooks of West Bengal' sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. For this it has set up a (history textbook) monitoring cell. The cell is supervised by Dr. Ramkrishna Chatterjee as the Project Director and Shri Saubhik Bandopadhyay as the Project Co-ordinator. The objective of the project is to pinpoint the errors, inaccuracies, distortion and deliberate falsification of history that are found to be infiltrated in many of history textbooks and to guard against the possibility of young minds being poisoned by communalism or linguistic, or regional chauvinism or chauvinism of any other variety. A report of the study has been submitted to CIBE Committee on regulatory mechanisms for textbooks and parallel textbooks taught in the schools of West Bengal. Evaluation of textbooks for classes IX and X has been taken up and a guideline has been framed in consultation with the teachers of different schools, colleges and universities of West Bengal.

E. The Project on 'Documents on economic history of British Rule in India 1858-1947'

The Indian Council of Historical Research has appointed Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi General Editor of the project of compiling the basic documents on the economic history of India under British rule and Professor Arun Bandyopadhyay, Nurul Hasan Professor of History, Calcutta University Associate Editor of the project. Under the original scheme of the project,

which had been initiated in 1991-92 but then discontinued for some years, Dr Bhubanes Misra had compiled three volumes of railway documents pertaining to the period and these had been published by the ICHR. Under the revived project, Dr. Misra was appointed as Editor-in-charge of the further volumes of railway documents, working under the guidance of the General Editor. Dr Misra has compiled documents relating to the Railway Acts and regulations governing the operation of Indian railways up to the beginning of the twentieth century. It is expected that two further volumes of the railway volumes will be ready by the middle of the current calendar year.

Two research assistants, working under the guidance of Professors Bagchi and Bandyopadhyay, have been collecting documents relating to agriculture, land tenures, land administration and mortality of humans and livestock in Bengal during the period from the 1860s to the 1890s. It is hoped that some idea of rural economic development in Eastern India between the 1860s and 1890s can be gleaned from such documents when most of the relevant data have been compiled.

III. Seminars and workshops

A. Training-cum- research workshops

a) Certificate Course on 'Literature in the Social Sciences'

A certificate course on 'Literature in the Social Sciences' was organized by the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata in collaboration with the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Calcutta, from 20 to 24 June 2005. It was coordinated by Professor Subhoranjan Dasgupta and Dr. Barnita Bagchi of IDSK. The objective of the course was to familiarize as well as to refresh teachers and research scholars with issues in the chosen area. The participants were drawn from a wide range of disciplines, such as English and Bengali literature, history, mass communication, and political science. The themes chosen were: Conceptualizing literature in the social sciences, utilitarianism, instrumental rationality and literature, social scientist's response to interdisciplinarity and literature, South Asian narrative: history and creativity in Akhtaruzzaman Elias' fiction, narratives of education: British novel and

society, narratives of education: South Asian perspectives, publishing dalit narratives and readers' response, social impulse in Charles Dickens' novels, literature, culture and society:

Raymond Williams, producing the drama of history -Bertolt Brecht, caste and literature, Neo-Marxian aesthetics -Benjamin and Adorno , the social realism of Manik Bandopadhyay and empire and children's literature. The speakers of the course included Professors Jasodhara Bagchi (Chairperson, West Bengal Commission for Women), Malini Bhattacharya (Member, National Commission for Women and Honorary Professor of IDSK), Sajni Kumar Mukherjee (Professor of English, Jadavpur University), Tanika Sarkar (Professor of History, Jawaharlal Nehru University), Udaya Kumar and Sibaji Bandopadhyay (Professors, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata), Mihir Bhattacharya (Retired Professor of Film Studies, Jadavpur University), Amiya Kumar Bagchi and Subhoranjan Dasgupta (IDSK), Dr. Barnita Bagchi (IDSK) and Ms. Mandira Sen (*Stree* and *Samya*).

b) Regional Workshop on 'Implementation of PCPNDT Act 1994'

The Pre-conception and Prenatal Diagnostic Test (PCPNDT) Act came into force in 1994. Subsequently, following a Supreme Court order regarding its proper implementation, certain amendments were made to the Act. The declining sex ratio particularly in the 0 to 6 age group population is a matter of grave concern. It was expected that proper implementation of the PCPNDT Act would check pre-natal sex determination and elimination of the female foetus within the womb at least to some extent. However, although there has been ample time for implementing the Act, we find that there are grave lacunae in the actual implementation, and there is no sign that the decline in child sex ratio has been halted. The infrastructure set up by most states for implementing the Act is still defective. Recent studies show that in certain parts of Eastern India too the use of prenatal diagnostic tests spread fast. For instance, the metropolitan areas of Kolkata showed a steep decline in the 0-6 child sex ratio between 1991 and 2001. In order to address these problems, the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK) organized a two-day regional workshop at Swasthya Bhawan, Kolkata on 1 and 2 February 2006, sponsored by the National Commission for Women. The workshop brought together official and

non-official stake holders and those who are actively engaged in the implementation in the Eastern region who tried to identify the difficulties in the implementation of the Act and find out means for removing these difficulties. The workshop was held in an interactive format so that at the end of it a number of recommendations for implementation and monitoring emerged. It is expected that the major recommendations will be put on the IDSK website.

The participants in the workshop included Dr. Rattan Chand, Director (PCPNDT) , Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India; Shri M K Sharma, Addl. Legal Advisor, Ministry of Law, Govt. of India; Dr. J B Babbar, Family Planning Association, New Delhi; Professor Malini Bhattacharya, Member, National Commission for Women (and Honorary Professor, IDSK), Dr. Satish B Agnihotri, Dr. Sabu George, Arvind Kumar, IAS, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Professor Jashodhara Bagchi, Chairperson, West Bengal Commission for Women, Ms. Bharati Mutsuddi, Member, West Bengal Commission for Women; Sushanta Kumar Sen , Ex -commissioner, Family Welfare. Govt. of West Bengal; Ms Jasmine Joseph, West Bengal University of Juridical Sciences; Dr. Ujjal Roy, Jayanta Narayan Chatterjee of Human Rights Law Network; Dr Dilip Mahalanabis and Dr Amitava Sen.

B. Lectures delivered by visiting scholars

On 11 May 2005, Shri Jawhar Sircar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal delivered a lecture on 'The construction of the Hindu identity in medieval Western Bengal: The role of popular cults'.

On 22 July 2005, Dr. Des Gasper, Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands gave a talk on 'Subjective and objective well being'.

On 31 July 2005, Professor Amartya Sen gave a lecture on 'The ancient argument and modern democracy' at Nandan in Kolkata, largely based on his book "The Argumentative Indian: Writings on Indian History, Culture and Identity" published by Penguin India / Allen Lane. The lecture was organized by Penguin India, the IDSK and Confederation of Indian Industries.

On 9 September 2005, Shri Binayak Ray, Visiting Fellow, Department of Political and Social Change, the Australian National University delivered a talk on 'Corruption: Perceptions, realities and policy implications'.

On 5 October 2005, Professor Immanuel Ness, Professor of Political Science, Brooklyn College, University of New York gave a talk on 'Workers of the world: Class struggle and the politics of global labour migration'.

On 11 November 2005, Professor Robin Ghosh, former Professor of Economics at the University of Western Australia, the President of the Institute of Development Studies, Australia and also the editor of the *Atlantic Journal of Development Studies* delivered a lecture on 'Adam Smith on capital accumulation and economic growth: Another perspective'.

On 23 December 2005, Dr. Indraneel Dasgupta, School of Economics, University of Nottingham, UK delivered a lecture on 'Evasive reform: Informalisation in a liberalized economy with wage-setting unions'.

On 26 December 2005, Professors Abhijit Banerjee and Arundhati Banerjee, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, gave a seminar on 'The name of the disease: Challenges of delivering health care in rural India' which was illustrated by a film. The seminar was organized by the IDSK in collaboration with the Government of West Bengal.

On 6 February 2006, Professor Marika Vicziany, Director, Monash Asia Institute and Advisor on South Asia to the Dean of Arts, Monash University, Australia, gave a talk on 'Bang for the buck: Chinese and Indian defence expenditures'.

On 10 February 2006, Professor Peter Kulchyski, Professor of Native Studies, University of Manitoba, Canada delivered a talk on 'Aboriginal rights in Canada'.

On 21 February 2006, Professor Irfan Habib, formerly Professor of Aligarh Muslim University, delivered a lecture on 'Towards writing people's history of India'.

IV. Library

The library of the IDSK has continued to grow through purchases of books and journals, and gifts from individuals and institutions. It has received a further installment of books for the Michael Sprinker collection from Dr. Modhumita Roy and a collection of about 1900 books from Shri Parimal Dasgupta, which we are going to designate as the Parimal Dasgupta collection.

V. Some projections for the immediate future (say, up to June 2007)

In these two and half years of its proper academic existence, the IDSK has become a collective entity. Faculty members plan their research and training programmes very often on their own initiative. But these are discussed on a regular basis among all the colleagues who might be interested in the programmes, and the Director and the Assistant Secretary keep themselves regularly informed about this discourse. Some of the programmes that are contemplated in the near future include:

- a. An innovative seminar on “Narratives of Development” (27-29 March 2006) in which distinguished participants from India and abroad have agreed to contribute papers.
- b. An international seminar on “Utopias, dystopias and visions of development” (Around May-June 2007)
- c. An inventory of the procedures for, and obstacles against, the delivery of programmes meant to raise the standards of health and education of women and children.
- d. The editing of books arising out of field-studies in the areas of health and education and publication of the remaining two volumes of the documentations relating to the construction and operation of railways in India during British rule; and the editing of a book containing papers on integration of developing economies in the international financial system. It is expected that the last mentioned volume will be published by an international publisher.
- e. An international seminar on livelihood in collaboration with Calcutta University (6-8 March 2006)
- f. Collaborating with the National Commission for Women in finding out the status of ICDS and similar programmes and recommendations for improving the delivery system.

Besides the National Commission for Women IDSK and the ICHR, IDSK is also expecting to collaborate with the UNICEF and Maison des Sciences de l’Homme, Paris.

VI. Academic activities of the faculty members

Amiya Kumar Bagchi

On 16 April 2005 he gave a welcome address in a national seminar on 'Pharmaceutical policy and access to essential medicines' organized by Federation of Medical and Sales Representatives' Associations of India [FMRAI], Jan Swasthya Abhiyan, All India Drug Action Network and national Campaign Committee for Drug Policy at Swasthya Bhavan, Kolkata.

On 7 May 2005 he attended a workshop on 'Higher education in the next decades - Policy for the state of West Bengal', organized by West Bengal State Council of Higher Education at West Bengal University of Technology.

On 12 May 2005 he gave a lecture on 'Free and compulsory education', in a national workshop on Common School System (CSS) organized by Child Relief and You (CRY) at Kolkata.

On 21 June 2005 he delivered a talk on 'New undertakings, ruptures, renunciation and affiliation: Themes in Bengal's social history adumbrated in four fictional tales', in a certificate course on 'Literature in the Social Sciences' organized by IDSK.

On 1 July 2005 he gave a lecture on 'Demographic regimes and social reproduction of labour', in a refresher course organized by Women's Studies Research Centre, Calcutta University.

On 12 July 2005 he delivered the specialist's address on the theme of 'Green cities - Plan for the planet', in a programme observing the World Environment Day, organized by the West Bengal Pollution Control Board.

He took up his invitation as Haydn Williams Fellow of Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Western Australia and stayed there from 8 August to 4 November 2005.

He interacted with the following scholars during his stay: John and Ann McGuire, Bob Pokrant, Krishna Sen, Jan Sinclair-Jones, Will Christensen, Tom Stannage, Steve Mickler, Scott Fitzgerald, Patrick Bertola and Colin Brown of the Division of Humanities and with Harry Bloch, Ian Kerr, Michael Thorpe, Samir Chatterjee, Allan Young, Richard Grainger, John Milton Smith, Allan Nankervis, Gavin Mooney and Michael Cunningham Wood of the Faculty of Economics and Finance and Curtin Business School. He also interacted with some students of Professor Will Christensen and Dr. Scott Fitzgerald. He also met Brett D' Arcy who is writing a novel on the theme of Globalization as his Ph.D project.

During this period he gave the following seminars at Curtin University on the themes listed alongside the dates.

Date	Division	Theme
17 August 2005	Humanities	Globalization, development economics

and finance

24 August 2005	Humanities	The stock market and the real economy
31 August 2005	Humanities	Multiculturalism, fundamentalism and inequality
6 October 2005	Curtin Business School	The Indian economy before and after economic reforms

On 12 September 2005 he delivered the Haydn Williams Lecture on 'China and India : From where? Where to?' in the John Curtin Gallery of the university.

On 20 September 2005 he acted as a member of the panel for approving the research proposals of Kannan Srinivisan and Jowati Bin Juhari, of whom he is a joint supervisor along with Professor Marika Vicziany.

On 24 September 2005 he gave a lecture on 'Labour migration in India and China' in the ABERU Conference of Monash University on 'Labour mobility in India and China'.

On 22 and 23 October 2005 he attended the 6th India Update Conference organized by Curtin University of Technology on 'The changing economic and political role of India in the Asia Pacific region' and 'Global trade, labour and transformation of the community' respectively; and at the 22nd October Conference he gave a talk on the theme, 'The Common Minimum Programme is only the beginning of real economic reforms in India'.

On 12 November 2005 he delivered a lecture in a science workshop organized by the Jagadish Bose National Science Talent research in collaboration with A.N. Bhaduri Memorial Foundation.

On 23 November 2005 he gave a talk on 'WTO, Hon Kong Ministerial meeting and India' organized by CITU.

On 26 November 2005 he delivered the Hiren Mukherjee Memorial Lecture on 'Education as public good and its implications' organized by West Bengal College and University Teachers' Association (WBCUTA).

From 19 to 21 December 2005, he attended the International Development Economics Associates' (IDEAS) conference at New Delhi and presented a paper on 'Neoliberal imperialism, corporate feudalism and contemporary origins of dirty money'.

From 15 to 18 January 2006, he attended an international conference organized by the University of Geneva and presented a paper on 'Sovereign finance, dehumanized immigrants and morality'.

During 25-26 January 2006 he participated in the Muttukadu conference at Chennai and gave a lecture on 'China and India: From where? Where to? -A preliminary report'.

On 28 February 2006 he delivered a lecture on 'Paribesh, samaj o janaswasthya', at the 13th West Bengal Science and Technology Congress organized by West Bengal State Council of Science and Technology in collaboration with the University of Calcutta.

Barnita Bagchi

Presented a paper on 'Women and the movement for education,' at a joint project of Centre for Women and Development Studies, New Delhi and the Women's Studies Research Centre, University of Calcutta on 'Women in democratic movements in Eastern India' held on 31 March 2006.

Presented a paper on 'Resourceful women? Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain and gendered social capital', at a conference on 'Narratives of Development', organized by IDSK on 27 March 2006.

Presented two invited papers, one on the RLS-IDSK collaborative study 'Women and media under globalization' and the other on 'Gender studies in India', at the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Berlin, on 16 March 2006.

Presented a paper on 'Education, women's narratives, and feminist civil society activism: Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain's feminist utopias and urban social experimentations', organized by the Mission d'Egalite, University of Tours, France on 9 March 2006.

Invited to deliver lectures on 'The romantic gothic' and 'Rebels, bluestockings, and gentlewomen', at a UGC Refresher Course organized by the Department of English, Jadavpur University on 22 February 2006.

Delivered lectures on 'Women's movement in South Asia', 'Texts on women', 'Charlotte Perkins Gilman's Herland', and 'Rokeya Hossain's Sultana's Dream', under the M.Phil. programme of the Department of School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University during January and February 2006.

Presented an invited paper on 'Revaluing devalued women: Engendering social capital' at a UGC sponsored regional seminar on 'Value/ Devalued? The pursuit of social

solidarity through the cultivation of moral values' organized by Kashiswari College on 16 January 2006.

Presented a paper on 'Education, female utopias and civil society: Some 18-century British women's narratives from the perspective of development studies' at an international conference on 'Education and culture in the long 18th century', organized by Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge on 8 September 2005.

Participated in regional consultation on the National Curriculum Framework, organized by Azim Premji Foundation and Vikramshila Education Resource Society, Kolkata on 20 July 2005.

Delivered two lectures on ' Narratives of education: The British novel and society', and 'Narratives of education: South Asian perspectives', in a certificate course on 'Literature in the Social Sciences' organized by IDSK on 21 and 22 June 2005. She was also one of the coordinators of the course.

Debdas Banerjee

Presented an invited paper on 'Industrial restructuring and labour in the deregulated era: New dynamics of inter-country inequality' at the international conference on 'Development in open economies; Labour in industry' organized by the University of Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi, held during 6-8 March 2006.

Participated as an award finalist in research on development in the category 'Globalisation, institutions and development', in the seventh Annual Global Development Conference held in St. Petersburg, Russia during January 18-21, 2006.

Presented a paper at the *4th* Annual Labour Economics Conference held In New Delhi during December 15-17,2005.

Participated in the Second Global Forum held in New Delhi during December 13-14, 2005.

Prepared a report as one of the members of the 'State Level Committee for preparation of perspective plans for powers sector', Government of West Bengal.

Sudeep Basu

Delivered a lecture on 'Reflections on the Tibetan refugee settlement in Darjeeling', at the 3rd Annual CRG Winter Course on 'Forced migration', held on 4 December 2005 at Kolkata.

Uttam Bhattacharya

Attended a meeting on 'The WTO after the Ministerial Conference 2005' organized by the Centre for WTO Studies, New Delhi, held on 20-21 December 2005.

Presented a paper on 'Street child labour in India'(jointly with Anwesa Das), in the National Labour Conference held in New Delhi on 16 December 2005.

Participated as a resource person in the Second Global Forum held in New Delhi during December 13-14, 2005

Subhoranjan Dasgupta

Presented a paper on 'Rosa Luxemburg's vision of democracy and its present relevance' in a symposium at Mangalore on 'Future of socialism' on February 11,2006.

Participated as a moderator in a seminar on 'Women and media' organized by the Centre for Women's Studies, Bhubaneswar on February 2,2006.

He was a discussant in the symposium on 'Partition archive' organized by Jadavpur University on January 10, 2006.

Participated as a moderator in the seminar on 'Friends forever - Goethe and Schiller' organized by Max Mueller Bhavan on November 7,2005.

Gave a lecture on 'Impact of globalisation on the print media', in a certificate course on 'Gender and media' organized by IDSK on October 4,2005.

Presented a paper on 'Creative protest against globalisation' in a refresher course organized by the department of Applied Psychology of Calcutta University on September 3, 2005.

Presented a paper on 'German literature after Auschwitz' at a conference on 'Contemporary World Literature' organized by Bangla Academy on August 14,2005.

Delivered three lectures on 'Producing the drama of history: Bertolt Brecht', 'Neo-marxian aesthetics: Walter Benjamin and Theodor Adorno', and 'South Asian narrative: History and creativity in Akhtaruzzamans Eliyas' Fiction' in a certificate course on 'Literature in the Social Sciences' organized by IDSK between 20 and 24 June 2005.

Presented a paper on 'The human compulsions of internal migration in South Asia' in a symposium on Migration at Hannover on May 25,2005.

Bidhan Kanti Das

Presented a paper on 'People's choice and action in disaster induced resettlement at Buxa national park, West Bengal', in an international seminar on 'The management of

risk and vulnerability after the trauma of relocation' organized by the Centre for Development Studies. University of Wales, Swansea, UK at Bangkok, Thailand during 17-18 September 2005.

Subrata Mukherjee

Presented a paper on 'Household out-of-pocket expenditures and health care and their impact on impoverishment: Evidence from NSS 55th round data for major Indian states' at the Annual Conference of the Indian Econometric Society held at Guru Nanak University, Amritsar during 5-7 January 2006.

Krishna Soman

Coordinated and participated in the regional workshop on 'Implementation of PCPNDT Act 1994', organised by IDSK, and sponsored by National Commission for Women on 1 and 2 February 2006.

Participated in a panel discussion on 'Women's Health in South Asia', in a Conference on 'Women's Health and Healthy Women Our Challenge', organised by the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Eastern Zone All India Coordination Committee during 2006 at Kolkata.

Participated in a seminar on 'Social Inequalities and Health: Relevance of Research and Policies', organized by Social Colloquium on Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2006.

Participated in a seminar on 'TRIPS and development', organized by the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta on 26 September 2005.

Participated in a National Seminar on 'Pharmaceutical policy and access to essential medicines' organised by JSA-FMRI-NCCDDP in Collaboration with WHO, India Country Office, 17-18 April, 2005.

Her article on 'Women's health and work: A shared relationship' In U. Kalpagam edited volume will be published soon by Rawat Publications.

Her article on 'HIV/AIDS in India: A Societal Concern' has been sent to *Global Social Policy*, Helsinki for publication.

Prasanta Ray

Delivered a lecture on 'Seeing politics' organized by the department of Political Science, Calcutta University on February 4, 2006.

Gave a lecture on 'Culture diffusion, culture conflict and gender' in the department of Geography of Calcutta University on January 7, 2006.

Delivered a talk on 'Einstein and sociology' in a colloquium organized by School of Fundamental Research in collaboration with S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic sciences, Bose Institute, India Association of Cultivation of Science, and Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics on December 10, 2005.

Gave a lecture on 'Place of qualitative research in application of behavioural sciences in social development' organized by the department of Psychology, Calcutta University on September 7, 2005.

Delivered a talk on 'Law and development' organized by the West Bengal University of Juridical Sciences on August 7, 2005.

Delivered the Nirmal Bose Memorial Lecture on 'Cultural globalization' at the Geographical Society of India on August 4, 2005.

Gave a talk on 'Culture in social sciences' at the Institute of Science, Education and Culture, Kolkata on July 23, 2005.

Dipankar Sinha

Inducted to the Editorial Board of the *Global Media Journal* (Indian Edition).

Delivered the UNESCO-IUHU lecture on 'Information technology and human unity' at Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture on 17 January 2006.

Presented a paper on 'Going global: A possible survival strategy of social science research in India', in National Symposium on 'Globalization and contextualising social science research' organized by Hyderabad Central University on 16 November 2005.

Gave a lecture on 'Encountering fieldwork' in a Refresher Course in Applied Social Science organized by Hyderabad Central University, 14 November, 2005.

Gave a talk on 'Self help groups in North 24 Parganas: The challenge of development and empowerment', organized by the District Collectorate, North 24 Parganas, on 20 July 2005.

Delivered a lecture on 'Governance: The global-local interface' in a Refresher Course in Governance organized by Hyderabad Central University on 12 July 2005.

Sugeeta Upadhyay

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VII. Publications

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